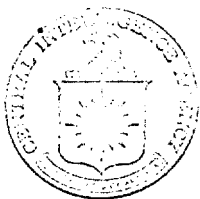


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16 NOV 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs

SUBJECT : October - November 1968 Vietnam
Intelligence Data

1. Attached hereto are the documents requested in your memorandum of 21 October, arranged in four attachments paralleling the format of the attachments to your request.

2. Your Attachment 2 lists a document that is also listed in your Attachment 3: "29 Oct 68 -- Presidential Views Concerning the Bombing Halt and the Paris Talks." Since the document in question deals with President Thieu's views, it belongs (and is here included) with Attachment 3.

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4. All of the documents forwarded in this memorandum's four attachments are based on sensitive sources and methods. The last document in Attachment 2 (the 9 Nov 68 Ky report) and all of the reports here forwarded under Attachment 3 are based on a source of particular sensitivity which is still producing valuable intelligence on matters of great interest. We would appreciate your ensuring that these documents are properly protected and do not get involved in any declassification exercise.

5. It may interest you to know that Senator Fulbright, as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has written me a letter requesting a full set of documents, such as those appended hereto, which the Agency has produced on Indochinese matters from 1947 to the present. This request was levied in the context of the study commissioned on July 4 of this year (1971) by Senate Resolution 140. Obviously we cannot make such documents available to the Senator or to the Foreign Relations Committee. We are searching for ways to handle this request without giving direct affront but have not yet been able to devise a method for dealing satisfactorily with the overall problem it poses.

6. I mention the above matter because, as you are well aware, the declassification of the bulk of the 47-volume Pentagon study entitled, "United States-Vietnam Relations 1945-1967" has clearly set the stage for this additional request from Senator Fulbright and given him a precedent to cite in making it. I believe Secretary Laird has also been asked for certain intelligence documents produced by the Defense Department on Indochina during the same 1947-1971 period. What we have, thus, is a continuing problem that in my opinion needs to be addressed as such. I would not want to see responses made to individual queries that could lead to any further general declassification of broad categories of sensitive intelligence documents.

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Richard Helms
Director

Attachments

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